

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

**[0060]** A skimmer system is provided which includes a reservoir, an inlet, a reservoir pump and a weir. The skimmer system is attached to a tank having fluid therein. The fluid in the tank defines a tank fluid surface. The reservoir receives fluid from the tank. The fluid in the reservoir defines a reservoir fluid surface. The level of the reservoir fluid surface is maintained below the level of the tank fluid surface when the skimmer system is turned on. The inlet defines an inlet edge and an inlet surface. The inlet edge is located below the level of the tank fluid surface. The inlet surface declines away from the tank to transfer the fluid from the tank to the reservoir. The reservoir pump transfers fluid from the reservoir to the tank. The filter is positioned between the inlet and the reservoir to retain particulate within the fluid. The weir defines a weir edge. The weir edge is parallel to and substantially below the level of the tank fluid surface to allow particulate in the fluid to pass under the weir when the reservoir pump is activated and to prevent particulate in the fluid from passing under the weir when the reservoir pump is deactivated. The filter may be serviced through an access opening formed in a fabricated surface above the filter covered by a cover.